



# The DX HUNTER

SEPTEMBER 16

## MDXA CLUB INFO

**MEETINGS: 2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH  
7:30 AM @ GOLDEN CORRAL HWY 49  
GULFPORT**

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**“More than a Club – We are Friends”**

## CLUB NEWS

**With Antenna season starting soon, here are some tips on tower climbing and work:**

This is going to many hams, most if not all will agree and do not need this lesson. Many could write the book, but perhaps they will help spread the word. Enough is enough! An article will appear shortly in leading magazine making the points. It says clearly if you want a tower and antennas then pay the piper up front, follow some good safe rules of an antenna party and have fun. Spread this word to any media.

I think I'm old enough to say this and pardon the one-way military talk, but responsible men and women who may be hams will understand and get on board. If it offends anyone, so be it.

One of my Elmer's W3GRF (SK) did this with me years ago and it was a good lesson, he meant well and I took it that way. Here is my lesson for those wanting to install a towers/antennas.

I'd suggest before anyone purchases a tower/antenna they acquire the following:

- 1/2" nylon rope double the height of the tower + 25' for a ginpole, which can be borrowed.
- 3/8" rope the same length for moving things up and down the tower.
- 1/4 or 5/16 x 200' of utility line.
- two 1/2" pulleys to use with either the 1/2" or 3/8" nylon rope.
- two shackles to tie the pulleys one to the top and one to the bottom.
- set of deep well sockets/ratchet, a 3/8 drive is good enough.
- screw drivers, open ends, pliers, dikes, soldering iron/gun, etc.
- hard hat (!).
- GOOD safe belt. It must fit.
- several roles of black tape and plastic ties.
- Never run out on a job, never!

This is about minimum anyone who wishes help from their buddies should have. It's called an antenna party, a fellowship, happy times together helping each other. Fun. The host provides drinks at a minimum and generally serves or purchases lunches or at least offers.

The host always should remember the climbers are in charge, period. They call the shots if for no other reason, safety. The host should insist all ground crew wear hard hats either having some spare hats or as any good antenna/tower ham knows, have one at ready and with them when they arrive.

Let the climber set the pace and when they have had enough, it's time to eat, drink or go home.

If you are the host and the tower isn't safe, make it safe or don't ask anyone to climb something you wouldn't climb yourself. They have families that depend on them to pay the cell bill.

As said, buy these things as part of being responsible and worthy of being a host for the antenna party. THIS is before one buys a tower/antenna.



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Let me say, I'm not a selfish person and those who know me will vouch for that, but enough is enough. Perhaps you've never heard or thought of these things fine, you have now. Make that antenna party a good event and when someone else hosts a party, BE THERE. Learn how to tie knots, have things ready for your crew, and be happy.

Lynn, W4NL



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## ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS

September					
2016 Sep01	2016 Sep04	<b>Mongolia</b>	<b>JT5NH</b>	LotW	By JA0JHQ; 160-10m; CW SSB; mainly for All-Asian DX Contest (SSB); outside contest mainly CW on 160m, WARC bands, 10m; QSL also OK via JARL Buro (preferred) or direct
2016 Sep01	2016 Sep15	<b>East Kiribati</b>	<b>T32AZ</b>	KH6QJ	By KH6QJ fm Kiritimati I (OC-024); 80-10m (no WARC); CW SSB; QRV for All Asia SSB and WAE SSB
2016 Sep01	2016 Sep30	<b>Djibouti</b>	<b>J28PI</b>	F1TMY	By F1TMY; Inv L for 160m; Spiderbeam; G5RV; operation to continue for 3-5 years
2016 Sep03	2016 Sep10	<b>Market Reef</b>	<b>OJ0W</b>	OH3WS	By OH3WS; 40-10m; spare time operation; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2016 Sep03	2016 Sep24	<b>Bonaire</b>	<b>PJ4</b>	LotW	By PA3BWK as PJ4/PA3BWK; 80-10m; mainly CW, some RTTY PSK, possibly SSB; QSL also OK via PA3BWK direct
2016 Sep03	2016 Nov25	<b>Pitcairn I</b>	<b>VP6AH</b>	DL2AH	By DL2AH; 40-10m; SSB + digital; 100w; Windom or triple leg; holiday style operation; QRV from French Polynesia (Mangareva/Gambier) probably using TX2AH or TO2AH beforehand
2016 Sep04	2016 Sep10	<b>Guernsey</b>	<b>GU</b>	LotW	By HB9EMP as MU/HB9EMP; SSB + digital; multiband vertical; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via HB9EMP direct
2016 Sep05	2016 Sep12	<b>New Caledonia</b>	<b>FK</b>	LotW	By F8FUA as FK/F8FUA fm Lifou I (OC-033); HF; CW SSB RTTY; 100w; Hex Beam or Buddipole; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via F8FUA (Buro or direct) and eQSL
2016 Sep06	2016 Sep24	<b>Mongolia</b>	<b>JT</b>	LotW	By OK1DBS and OK1XC as JT1DBS, JT1XC, JT1F, JT1DBS/3, JT1XC/3, JT1F/3; HF; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via JT1F and eQSL
2016 Sep07	2016 Sep12	<b>Svalbard</b>	<b>JW</b>	LotW	By SM7RYR as JW/SM7RYR; 20m; CW; QRP
2016 Sep08	2016 Sep17	<b>Bhutan</b>	<b>A5A</b>	JH1AJT Direct	By JH1AJT E21EIC DJ9ZB; 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY; 2 1kw stns; tri-band yagi + wire verticals; QSL: PO Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, Kanagawa 259-0111, Japan; also Club log
2016 Sep08	2016 Sep19	<b>South Cook Is</b>	<b>E51Q</b>	LotW	By JF2MBF JA2FJP; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via JA2FBY direct (w/ SAE + US\$2) and Club Log
2016 Sep10	2016 Sep17	<b>Samoa</b>	<b>5W0BOB</b>	VK2BOB Direct	By VK2BOB; 40 20m; SSB; Buddistick; holiday style operation; include 3 green stamps w/ QSL request
2016 Sep10	2016 Sep20	<b>St Pierre &amp; Miquelon</b>	<b>TO5FP</b>	LotW	By F4HEC F1RAF FK8IK F5MUX fm Ile Aux Marins (NA-032); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via Club Log
2016 Sep12	2016 Sep29	<b>St Kitts &amp; Nevis</b>	<b>V47JA</b>	LotW	By W5JON fm Calypso Bay, St Kitts; 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB; yagi on 6m, verticals, dipole; QSL also OK via W5JON direct



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2016 Sep12	2016 Oct03	<b>Martinique</b>	<b>FM</b>	LotW	By DD5ZZ as FM/DD5ZZ fm NA-107; QSL also OK via DD5ZZ or Club Log
2016 Sep15	2016 Sep21	<b>Faroe Is</b>	<b><u>OY</u></b>	LotW	By ON4ANN as OY/ON4ANN, ON4ACP ON4CCV ON4CKM ON5PDV ON6MI ON4DTO likewise; 80-6m, focus on high bands; SSB CW PSK RTTY; QSL also OK via M0URX
2016 Sep15	2016 Sep29	<b>Cape Verde Is</b>	<b>D44TUJ</b>	DK8FA	By DK8FA fm Boa Vista I (AF-086); mainly 20 17m; mainly digital; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2016 Sep16	2016 Sep19	<b>Svalbard</b>	<b>JW</b>	LotW	By LB5WB as JW/LB5WB fm Spitsbergen I (EU-026); CW; QRV for SAC Contest; QSL also OK via LB5WB (Buro or direct)
2016 Sep18	2016 Sep30	<b>Comoros</b>	<b><u>D66D</u></b>	LotW	By OK1FPS OK1FCJ OK6DJ fm AF-007; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via OK6DJ and eQSL
2016 Sep19	2016 Sep25	<b>Micronesia</b>	<b><u>V63</u></b>	Home Call	By JH6HZH as V633ZH and JA6REX as V633KS fm Chuuk I (OC-011); 80-6m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via Club Log
2016 Sep20	2016 Sep25	<b>Cuba</b>	<b>T42CH</b>	HA3JB	By HA3JB fm NA-015; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY
2016 Sep20	2016 Sep27	<b>Samoa</b>	<b>5W0JHQ</b>	LotW	By JA0JHQ fm Fonoti; 160-30m; CW, some SSB CW; Micro vertical; QSL also OK via JA0JHQ (Buro or direct)
2016 Sep20	2016 Sep29	<b>Niue</b>	<b>E6</b>	LotW	By JF2MBF JA2FJP as TBA; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via JF2KOZ direct (w/ SAE + US\$2) and Club Log
2016 Sep23	2016 Oct04	<b>Isle of Man</b>	<b><u>MD</u></b>	LotW	By DM2AUJ as MD/DM2AUJ, DL4SVA DL7VEE DL1RTL DL7JOM DL2AWG likewise; 80-10m; SSB CW RTTY; 2 stations 24/7; Spiderbeams, verticals, loops, R7; QSL also OK via home call (DARC Buro or direct)
2016 Sep23	2016 Sep28	<b>Fernando de Noronha</b>	<b>PX0F</b>	LotW	By PP5BZ fm SA-003; 40-10m; CW SSB; 100w; vertical; holiday style operation; QSL QSL also OK via PP5BZ (Buro or direct w/ SAE + new IRC or 3USD) or Club Log



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## CONTESTING NEWS

3- 4	Sat 0000 - Sun 2400	All Asian DX Contest - SSB
3- 4	Sat 1300 - Sun 0400	Colorado QSO Party - CW/Digital/Phone
4- 5	Sun 1800 - Mon 0300	Tennessee QSO Party - CW/Digital/Phone
10-11	Sat 0000 - Sun 2359	Worked All Europe DX-Contest - SSB
10-12	Sat 1800 - Mon 0259	ARRL September VHF Contest - All
17-18	Sat 1600 - Sun 0400	New Hampshire QP (1) - CW/Digital/Phone
17-18	Sat 1600 - Sun 0359	New Jersey QSO Party (1) - CW/Phone
17-18	Sat 1600 - Sun 0700	Washington Salmon Run (1) - CW/Digital/Phone
18	Sun 0000 - 0359	North American Sprint - RTTY
18	Sun 1400 - 2000	New Jersey QSO Party (2) - CW/Phone
18	Sun 1600 - 2200	New Hampshire QP (2) - CW/Digital/Phone
18	Sun 1600 - 2400	Washington Salmon Run (2) - CW/Digital/Phone
22	Thu 0030 - 0230	NAQCC Straight Key/Bug QRP Sprint - CW
24-25	Sat 0000 - Sun 2400	CQ WW RTTY DX Contest - RTTY
24-25	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	Maine QSO Party - CW/Phone
24-25	Sat 1400 - Sun 0200	Texas QSO Party (1) - CW/Digital/Phone
25	Sun 1400 - 2000	Texas QSO Party (2) - CW/Digital/Phone

If you have info or articles you would like in the Newsletter, e-mail them to me and I will get them published.

### K1AR CONTESTING HINT

Avoid the temptation of diving directly into a pileup after first hearing the frenzy. Take the time, especially when using a smaller station, to listen to the operating style of a needed multiplier before calling. Adding a planned delay of two or three QSOs to learn the DX STATION'S techniques will usually reduce the time needed to get him into YOUR log.